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In re Patent Application of)
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Kristin L. Watkins et al.) Group Art Unit: 2123
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Application No.: 10/778,021) Examiner: F. Ferris
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Filed: February 17, 2004)
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
STAGGERING TIME POINTS)
FOR DEPLOYMENT OF RINGS)
IN A FIBER OPTIC NETWORK)
SIMULATION PLAN)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 ☐ \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 ☐ \$740.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____, on _____, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
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Ind. Claims				x \$ 86.00 =	
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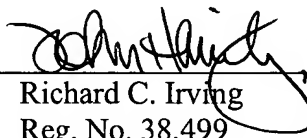
- ☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.